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Delaware Soybean Board Funds University of Delaware Research Projects

The Delaware Soybean Board has approved research funding totaling \$19,157.00 for projects to be completed in 2005 by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Delaware.

The Delaware Soybean Board is a nine-member organization representing all soybean producers in the state. The Board manages the Delaware funds from the USDA-legislated soybean checkoff program, each year funding research, education, marketing, and promotion projects.

The research projects approved by the nine Board Directors were:

- Can You Improve Your Bottom Line and Still Manage Soybean Rust with Recent Pest Management Programs?: \$7,268.00.
- Continuing Grower-Extension-Researcher Communications (SoyNews): \$3,589.00.
- Effects of Heat Processing on the Phosphorus Quality of Soybean Meal: \$2,600.00
- Weed Control in Conventional No-Tillage Soybeans: \$5,700.00

According to Jeffrey Allen, President of the Board, research projects that protect the crop's viability are especially important for the industry. "Soybean rust is a concern of all our growers, so projects addressing the disease were given top priority by the Board," said Mr. Allen.

"In addition, \$15,000 in research funds were directed to a project that will monitor Delaware fields for soybean rust disease," continued Mr. Allen. "Douglas Corey of Bridgeville is representing the Board on the state's Soybean Rust Working Group. The working group was formed by Michael Scuse, Delaware's Secretary of Agriculture, and will review plans for a statewide survey of fields, address fungicide registrations, and ensure effective communications about soybean rust to the agriculture community," he said.

The results of the research projects and the latest information on soybean rust disease will be printed in the Board's newsletter, *SoyNews*, and available on the Board's new web site, www.desoybeans.org

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